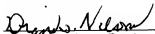


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 29, 2007, requiring restriction to one of the following species:

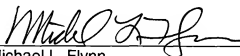
- Group I, the organic solution comprises a solvating extractant;
- Group II, the organic solution comprises a cation exchange reactant;
- Group III, the organic solution comprises a chelating extractant;
- Group IV, the organic solution comprises an anion exchange extractant; and
- Group V, the organic solution comprises a diluent.

Applicants elect the invention of the claims of Group II to be examined, without traverse. Claims 1-25, 27, and 33-47 read on this species. Therefore, claims 1-25, 27, and 33-47 are requested to be examined in this application, and claims 26 and 28-32 are withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions relating to a speedy disposition of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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